

HOUSE BILL 1569

By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3 and Title 41, relative to certain criminal rehabilitative services facilities.

WHEREAS, The organization Men of Valor works to rehabilitate men with felony convictions so they can peacefully re-enter society; and

WHEREAS, Men of Valor have recently purchased property in eastern Davidson County where it intends to build a facility to house released felons; and

WHEREAS, Residents in the affected area have expressed strong concerns over safety and property values from such a facility; and

WHEREAS, The state of Tennessee has several correctional facilities in the Cockrill Bend area of Davidson County and land adjacent to such properties would be more suitable for the admirable objectives of the Men of Valor; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The department of correction, working with the department of finance and administration and any other appropriate governmental entity, is hereby directed to enter into negotiations with the Men of Valor for the sale or lease of property in the Cockrill Bend area owned by the state of Tennessee. Such property shall be used for residences for felons who are receiving rehabilitative services to assist them in becoming productive members of society. The department of correction and the department of finance and administration shall provide monthly reports to the select oversight committee on corrections and to each member of the legislative delegations of Davidson, Rutherford and Wilson until such time as negotiations are complete. Such reports may be made by either the department of correction or the department of finance and administration if duplication would otherwise occur.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.